



PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 168 towns and cities.

HB 5307 An Act Concerning The Role Of Municipal Chief Executive Officers In Firearm Permitting, Taking Of Fingerprints For Certain Out-Of-State Firearm Permit Applicants And Submission Of Photographs Accompanying Firearm Permit Renewals.

The bill would, among other things, specify that a municipal chief executive officer (CEO) perform certain functions regarding firearm permits when there is no chief of police, in addition make other modifications to pistol permit applications and process.

CCM is in general support of this clarifying language, in addition recommend the committee amend the language to allow a municipal CEO that does not have an organized police department be allowed to designate the Resident State Trooper or designee within the corresponding State Police Barracks, to perform select duties associated with pistol permit applications. Often times, municipal CEO's do not have the administrative support or knowledge necessary to effectively provide these permits. This would provide a beneficial mandate relief for local officials.

CCM urges the Committee to **amend and favorably report** HB 5176.

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